

Title 15 - Mississippi Department of Health

Part III – Office of Health Protection

Subpart 70 – General Sanitation

CHAPTER 03 REGULATION GOVERNING ROCK FESTIVALS

100 Definitions

- 100.01 **Rock Festival** shall mean an actual, or a reasonably foreseeable, assembly of 1,000 or more people which does or did continue, or can reasonably be expected to continue, for a period of 18 or more consecutive hours at which the principal source of entertainment is, was, or will be musical in nature.
- 100.02 **Person** shall mean an individual or a firm, partnership, company, corporation, trustee, association, or any public or private entity.
- 100.03 **Health Officer** shall mean an official representative of the Mississippi State Board of Health or any county health officer or his authorized representative.
- 100.04 **Refuse** shall mean garbage, rubbish, and all other putrescible and non-putrescible waste, except sewage.

101 Plans and Specifications

Any person desiring to hold, sponsor, or supervise a rock festival in the State of Mississippi shall submit plans and specifications for such event to the State Board of Health at least 18 days prior to the commencement of the festival. The plans and specifications shall contain complete information regarding location of the festival, water supply, toilet and handwashing facilities, sewage disposal system, drainage, refuse storage and disposal, food service, medical facilities, insect and noxious weed control, fire protection, and sleeping areas and facilities. Also, information shall be given as to the calendar dates of the festival, the maximum number of persons who will be permitted to attend the event, the maximum number of hours or days it will be held, the name and address of the person or persons requesting certification from the State Board of Health, and such other pertinent information as the Board shall find necessary.

102 Festival Area

- 102.01 **Premises.** The premises where any rock festival is to be held shall be kept free of refuse, waste materials, rodent infestations, insect breeding places, noxious weeds, and other objectionable conditions.
- 102.02 **Fences.** Adequate fences shall be provided where necessary to prevent easy access to areas or conditions that may be hazardous to health and safety.

- 102.03 **Festival Site.** The festival site shall be well drained and not immediately adjacent to any marshy area. No festival shall be held on a site located on the watershed of a domestic or public water supply so as to create a pollution hazard. The site shall provide adequate space commensurate with the purpose and number of people attending.
- 102.04 **Roads.** The festival site shall be provided with a network of interior roads that are to be kept clear at all times for emergency vehicles and so that trucks and other vehicles can properly service all facilities and refuse pick-up stations. Provisions shall be made for adequate traffic control measures that will preclude hazards to both vehicular and pedestrian traffic.
- 102.05 **Parking Area.** An adequate and properly designated parking area shall be provided for the parking of all vehicles. The parking area shall be well separated from the medical facilities, entertainment area, foodhandling facilities, and other designated areas.
- 102.06 **Sleeping Area.** Adequate and clearly designated camping and sleeping areas that will not result in overcrowding shall be provided. The camping, pitching of a tent, or sleeping in the entertainment or medical treatment area shall not be permitted.
- 102.07 **Lighting.** Adequate artificial light shall be provided for the medical facilities area, toilet areas, shower areas, service areas, walkways, and other areas where needed.

103 **Sanitary Facilities**

- 103.01 **Water Supply.** The water supply shall be adequate, of a safe and sanitary quality, and from an approved source. There shall be no physical connection between the approved water supply and water from any other source. Adequate drinking water outlets shall be provided.
- 103.02 **Sewage disposal.** All sewage and liquid waste shall be disposed of in compliance with the Mississippi State Board of Health Regulation Governing Disposal of Human Excreta and Other Liquid Wastes. Any treatment facility or discharge therefrom shall be in compliance with all appropriate state laws.
- 103.03 **Toilet Facilities.** There shall be provided at each rock festival adequate and conveniently located toilet facilities. Toilet rooms and toilet room fixtures shall be kept clean and in good repair. Toilet tissue shall be provided in all toilet rooms at all times. Separate toilet facilities shall be provided for each sex.
- 103.04 **Drinking Fountains.** A common drinking utensil shall not be provided or allowed. Any drinking fountain shall be of approved sanitary design and construction.

- 103.05 **Handwashing Facilities.** Adequate handwashing facilities, including lavatory equipped with running water, soap, and individual paper towels, shall be provided at all rock festivals. Such facilities shall be convenient to the foodhandling areas and toilet areas.
- 103.06 **Showers.** Any festival that can be expected to continue for a period of more than 48 hours shall provide adequate showers that are conveniently located and separate for each sex. Showers shall be properly screened for privacy and supplied with potable water only.
- 103.07 **Refuse.** Adequate garbage containers, conveniently located, shall be provided at all rock festivals, and the Mississippi State Board of Health Regulation Governing Disposal of Refuse shall be complied with at all times.
- 103.08 **Insect Control.** Effective measures shall be utilized to properly control insects so that they will not become a nuisance or a public health hazard.

104 **Medical Facilities**

- 104.01 **Doctors and Nurses.** An adequate staff of physicians and nurses, licensed and qualified to practice in Mississippi, shall be on duty at all times during the event.
- 104.02 **Medical Facilities.** Adequate medical treatment facilities shall be provided, with a complete inventory of emergency medical supplies on hand at all times. An ambulance shall be available for the transfer of patients to a hospital.
- 104.03 **Communicable Disease Control.** The physician in charge shall immediately report to the county health officer any case or suspected case of communicable or reportable disease which he is attending, has examined, or of which he has knowledge. Such report shall include the patient's name, address, age, race, sex, the suspected disease, and the date of the onset of the disease. No person having or being suspected of having a communicable or infectious disease shall attend or be permitted to attend any rock festival or be allowed on the site where the festival is to be held.

105 **Food Service**

All food service equipment and foodhandling establishments shall comply with the Mississippi State Board of Health Regulation Governing Food and Foodhandling Establishments.

106 **Fire Protection**

All areas and buildings on the festival site shall conform to the requirements established by the laws of Mississippi and the regulations and standards issued by the State Fire Marshal.

107 **Maintenance of Site**

All sites where rock festivals are held and all facilities provided shall be maintained in a clean, safe, and sanitary condition. At the close of the festival, the sponsors or persons in charge shall have all rubbish removed from the premises and leave the site in a clean and sanitary condition.

108 **Other Agencies**

All appropriate law enforcement agencies shall be properly notified regarding the proposed festival.